

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application:*

1. (Cancelled)
2. **(Currently Amended)** A ~~lever~~ lid ring for seaming to a body and for receiving a closure layer affixed with an edge portion thereof by sealing ~~and for~~ thereby bridging an inner space of the ~~lever~~ lid ring, to close the body in a seam-connected position, wherein
  - (i) the ~~lever~~ lid ring has a ~~surrounding continuous~~ flat web that is surrounding and continuous and ~~which~~ radially outwardly merges into an edge rim of the ~~lever~~ lid ring, and a continuous surrounding groove extending between the edge rim and the flat web;
  - (ii) the flat web extends upwardly directly from a curved bottom portion of the continuous surrounding groove and the flat web is inclined from a horizontal plane at an inclination angle differing from zero and is provided with an inner curling on its radially inner end so that ~~[[a]]~~ the closure layer sealed to the flat web and subjected to a pressure force acting vertically to a plane of extension of the closure layer introduces a substantial force component into a sealing zone, so that the force component extends in an extension direction of the sealing zone; and
  - (iii) the inner curling is configured to deflect the closure layer so that an edge strip of the closure layer is formed that extends at ~~[[an]]~~ the inclination angle ~~differing from zero~~ with respect to a plane of the closure layer in the inner space of the ~~lever~~ lid ring.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~lever~~ lid ring according to claim 2, wherein the inclination angle ~~differing from zero~~ is between substantially 10° and substantially 90°.
4. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~lever~~ lid ring according to claim 2, wherein the inclination angle is between substantially 40° and 60°.
5. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~lever~~ lid ring according to claim 2, wherein the inclination angle is between substantially 25° and 35°.
6. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~lever~~ lid ring according to claim 2, wherein the inclination angle is between substantially 80° and 90°.
7. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~lever~~ lid ring according to claim 2, wherein the inclination angle ~~differing from zero~~ extends substantially vertically ~~to the extension of~~ with respect to the plane of the closure layer in the inner space of the lid ring.
8. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~lever~~ lid ring according to claim 2, wherein said sealing of the closure layer is a sealing of an edge portion of the closure layer in a sealing zone to the flat web, ~~which~~ the sealing zone extend[[s]]ing circumferentially.
9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~lever~~ lid ring according to claim 2, wherein the sealing zone as a strip extending circumferentially has a substantial width of extension on the flat web, the width being more than half of a width of the flat web.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~lever~~ lid ring according to claim 2, wherein the inner curling axially projects above an upper side of the lid rim with an alignment of the flat web that projects steeply upwards.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~lever~~ lid ring according to claim 2, wherein the continuous surrounding groove is wedge-shaped with ~~a rounded~~ respect to the curved bottom portion and is formed between a chuck wall extending towards the surrounding lid rim and the ~~surrounding inclined~~ flat web that extends from the curved bottom portion.

15. through 26. (Cancelled)

27. **(Currently Amended)** A combination of a lid ring for seaming to a body and a closure layer sealed by a surrounding edge portion to the lever ring and bridging an inner space of the lever ring, to close the body in a seam-connected position, wherein

- (i) the ~~lever lid~~ ring has a ~~continuous surrounding~~ flat web and the flat web is continuous and surrounding and ~~which~~ radially outwardly merges into an edge rim of the ~~lever lid~~ ring, and a continuous surrounding groove extends~~[[ing]]~~ between the edge rim and the flat web and the flat web extends directly upward from a curved bottom portion of the continuous surrounding groove;
- (ii) onto the ~~surrounding~~ flat web the surrounding edge portion of the closure layer is affixed by sealing along a sealing strip extending circumferentially and having a substantial width on the flat web, and this width being more than half of a width of the flat web, the flat web extending at an angle differing from zero with respect to a plane of the closure layer affixed by said sealing; and
- (iii) the closure layer being a metal foil and extending over ~~[[the]]~~an inner curling so that the ~~closure layer~~ metal foil is deflected forming an edge strip that extends at ~~[[an]]~~the angle differing from zero with respect to the plane of the metal foil ~~in the inner space of the lever ring.~~

28. **(Currently Amended)** The combination according to claim 27, wherein the flat web comprises radially inwards an inner curling located at an end of the flat web opposite the continuous surrounding groove.

29. **(Currently Amended)** The combination according to claim 27, wherein the angle differing from zero of the flat web is between ~~substantially~~ 10° and ~~substantially~~ 90°.

30. **(Currently Amended)** The combination according to claim 27, wherein the angle differing from zero of the flat web is between ~~substantially~~ 40° and 60°.
31. **(Currently Amended)** The combination according to claim 27, wherein the angle differing from zero of the flat web is between ~~substantially~~ 25° and 35°.
32. **(Currently Amended)** The combination according to claim 27, wherein the angle differing from zero of the flat web is between ~~substantially~~ 80° and 90°.
33. **(Currently Amended)** The combination according to claim 27, wherein the angle differing from zero of the flat web extends substantially vertically to the extension of the plane of the closure layer.
34. **(Currently Amended)** The combination according to claim 27, wherein said receiving of the metal foil as the closure layer is a sealing of an edge portion thereof ~~of the closure layer~~ to a circumferential sealing strip on the flat web.
35. (Cancelled)
36. **(Currently Amended)** The combination according to claim 27, wherein ~~[[an]]~~the inner curling at the ~~surrounding~~ flat web axially projects above an upper level of the lid rim with an alignment of the flat web projecting steeply upwards.

37. **(Currently Amended)** The combination according to claim 27, wherein the continuous surrounding groove is of a wedge-shape having a rounded bottom as the curved bottom portion and is formed between a chuck wall extending towards the edge rim and the ~~surrounding~~ flat web, the flat web extending from the rounded bottom at ~~[[an]]the~~ angle differing from zero.